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## **DOC Dedicates Steve Hoyle Rehabilitation Center in Tallulah *Long-Term Treatment Facility a First in Louisiana***

(Baton Rouge) The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections formally dedicated its newest adult facility, the Steve Hoyle Rehabilitation Center (SHRC) in Tallulah, on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. According to the Secretary Richard L. Stalder, the new facility will specialize in the long-term treatment of offenders with substance abuse problems, particularly those individuals with multiple DWI convictions serving time.

"Since substance abuse is the underlying cause of much of the criminality we see today, it only makes sense to focus efforts on treating addictions," explained Stalder. "While we have always had and will continue to have quality substance abuse treatment programs in our institutions, the Steve Hoyle Rehabilitation Center goes beyond traditional programming. It will employ effective practices from Louisiana and across the country in treating addiction and preventing relapse. This new facility is a fairly unique concept in corrections and one that we think will lead to lower recidivism rates and increased savings for the state."

SHRC's program consists of nine (9) to twenty-four (24) months of concentrated treatment, with the staff formulating an individualized plan for each offender. There are four phases of the program and the offender must demonstrate competency in each before progressing to the next phase. Staff members focus on the psychological and educational components of addictive disorders, victim awareness, relapse prevention, life skills training, work release and reintegration and aftercare upon release.

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During the dedication ceremony, Secretary Stalder paid tribute to Steve Hoyle, a dedicated employee of the Department for nearly 30 years before his untimely death in May of 2000. Steve's wife, Karen, and other family members attended the ceremony. Secretary Stalder unveiled a painting of Steve that will hang in the administrative building at the facility and presented the family with a plaque in honor of Steve's loyalty and devotion to his job over the years.

The Steve Hoyle Rehabilitation Center will also serve as a training facility for correctional officers in the north Louisiana area. Prospective officers must undergo an intensive two-week training as well as meet other requirements before they are allowed to assume duty at a correctional facility.

SHRC will initially house approximately 260 minimum and medium custody inmates. There will be work crews detailed to help in community clean-up and restorative justice projects. The Department is also establishing educational and vocational programs for SHRC inmates in the near future.

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